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John 4:27-30

I. There is no book like the Bible.

- A. It thrills, challenges, enlightens.
- B. It's complete in purpose but not in curocity.
- C. Joy to see the greatest of minds cope with its truths.

II. Jesus & the Woman at the Well.

A. After antimated conversation, she left her waterpot, hurried to the village, told the good news - did she return? See V-42.

B. Does what we leave convey a disinterest. I've forgotten:

- 1. Ties - Wilburne's I wore 1 week
- 2. Razor
- 3. Toothbrush at Prescott, Arizona
- 4. Sermon outlines
- 5. Car
- 6. Children left in seats & pews.
- 7. Bro. Billings forgot Lucille.

C. Why did she leave it?

- 1. Forgot it?
- 2. Could run faster without it & thus quickly tell good news?
- 3. Thought Jesus might need it?
- 4. Pledge - I'll return?
- 5. Inconsequential - I've found something far superior?

III. I want us to ask "where do I place the emphasis?
What can I leave off in pursuit of something I
think more valuable? What's No. 1 to me?

A. It's important we establish Priorities.

1. "No other force in the world - psycho-
logical or material - can equal the
indomitable drive of a man who has
committed himself to the achievement of a
personal goal." Paul Meyer, Success
Motivation International.
2. "A man or woman becomes fully human
only by his or her choice & his or her
commitment to them." Dr. Rollo May,
Psychologist.
3. "Achievement is almost automatic when the
goal becomes an inner commitment". Dr.
Dennis Waitley, Psychology of Winning.
4. "There isn't a person anywhere who isn't
capable of doing more than he thinks he
can". Henry Ford
5. "If we did all we are capable of doing we
would literally astonish ourselves."
Thomas Edison.

B. Bible not timid about stating priorities.

1. The Kingdom.

Matt. 6:33 "Seek ye 1st the Kingdom of God"
(Clip on church attendance)

2. The commandment.

Matt. 22:38 "This is the 1st commandment"

v-56" Master, what is the 9th best com.

3. Gospel

Rom. 1:16 *For I am not ashamed*

1 Cor. 15:3 "I delivered unto you 1st of all that which"

4. People

2 Cor. 8:5 "First gave their own selves"

(David Livingston "I will place no value on anything I have or possess except in its relationship to the Kingdom of God") Also Ignatius card #1

5. Jesus

Col. 1:18 "He is the head of the body, the Church"

IV. What's Elevated Today? *who is the beginning, the 1st born - preem.*

A. I want to grow.

1. Clip on it - two of them. #2

B. I want fame.

1. Edward VII funeral. #4

C. I want money.

1. Clip from USA Today. #5

2. Study Psalm 49.

D. Psalm 49

V-2 Addressed to all classes - all should hear.

V-4 If you address others, listen yourself. Bring harp close to ear to hear.

V-5 All face days of evil.

1) Seems they get temporary advantage.

2) How do we face our declining years?

V-6 They trust in their wealth.

3) Lofty in their self esteem.

4. Money is stamped round - apt to run. #6

Ps. 49:17 "Rich man takes nothing away when he"

V-7 None can redeem his brother.

5) Money can't save from death.

I Pet. 1:18-19 "Not redeemed with silver & gold"

V-8 Redemption of soul.

6) No golden key to unlock death's dungeon.

V-10 Wise men die - fool also & brutish.

7) Jollity cannot laugh off last hour.

V-11 Houses continue forever.

8) Earthly goods don't last forever.

9) Call fields after ourselves.

10) All ebbs & flows.

V-13 Their way is folly.

11) Their way not God's - folly.

12) We accept world's ways.

13) Selah - well we need to pause.

14) Crates card. #7

15) Alexander card. Per thru hole #8

V-17 Die carry nothing - glory not.

16) Death ends our tenure.

17) Hell knows no aristocracy.

18) Augustine card.

19) Make a decision. #9

E. Conviction.

1. Commie in China clip. #10

2. Martin Smith. #11

3. Bloesch card. #12

4. Harold Sola quote. #13

5. Solzhinnitgyn. #14

6. Betty Stam. #15

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5.

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#1

Title - Let Me Be A Woman
Author-Elisabeth Elliot
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St. Ignatius of Loyola prayed, "Teach us, Good Lord, to serve Thee as Thou deservest; to give ~~an~~ and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward save that of knowing that we do Thy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord."

I believe any man's life will be filled with constant and unexpected encouragement if he makes up his mind to do his best each day and as nearly as possible reaching for the high-water mark of pure and useful living.

— *Booker T. Washington*


Billy Jones not well
This is his daddy

GI late - what say?
Stand - Saluted - How R U This M
Col. Sir

Feet & Faith
u R Before me
I'm speaking - feet
Faith - its only faith that anyone
is listening

X Office Manager to new stenog-
rapher: "Miss Smith, I don't
know how you do it. You've been
here only two weeks and already
you're a month behind." —Sun-
shine Mag. **k**

Quote _____

"The folly of man seldom appears more than in being  very busy about **nothing**, in making a great cry where there is little wool; like that empty fellow that showed himself to Alexander-having spent much time, and taken much pains at it beforehand-and boasted that he could throw a pea through a little hole, expecting a great reward; but the king gave him only a bushel of peas, for a recompense suitable to his diligent negligence, or his busy idleness. Things that are vain and empty are unworthy of our care and industry."

Treasury of David - Vol. 1 Spurgeon -48th Psalm p.379
vs.13

Decisions

#9

The shy country boy had been courting a girl for years, but just couldn't find the right words to ask her to marry him. One afternoon as they strolled by the village cemetery, the right words came to him.

"How," he asked, "would you like to be buried over there with my people?"

When the Communists took over in China, Sam Moffatt was arrested and thrown in prison. One day, thinking of the turmoil that had come to that country and of his own fate, he asked one of his captors, "What chance is there?" The man replied, "None." "Why?" asked Moffatt. "Because they are willing to die for what they believe, and I don't believe you are." That's the answer!

#1
Conversion

and the tares will grow together until the end of the age (Matt. 13:24-30), though false prophets will appear on the scene when Satan makes his final stand; those who have the eyes to see and the ears to hear will be able to distinguish the false from the true.

In light of the secularization of the mainline churches today, some scholars depict the community of the faithful as being increasingly on the defensive. Peter Berger has given this pessimistic prognosis: "By the 21st century, religious believers are likely to be found only in small sects, huddled together to resist a worldwide secular culture."²⁰ According to Martin Smith,

Jews and Christians today belong to the dwindling minority of the religious people in the Western world. Majority and minority faiths no longer exist. The religions are a minority themselves, in constant danger of being buried by the Gentiles, i.e., the floodtides of communism and nationalism.²¹

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